

REMARKS

The present application includes pending claims 1-27, all of which have been rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-7, 9, 11-15, 17-18, 20, 22-25, and 27 have been amended to clarify aspects of the inventions. New claims 28-32 have been added. The Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

The disclosure was objected to because of incomplete information in Paragraph [0001]. This paragraph has been amended to overcome this objection.

Claims 1-7, 10-18, and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 7,065,778 ("Lu"). Claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 26, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,963,358 ("Cohen"). The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Independent claims 1, 12, and 23 have been amended to recite that the "pre-defined group of users, where the predefined group of users is defined based on authorization by a user of the members." Lu "relates to the field of utilizing personalized video recorders and other similar types of devices to distribute television programming." *See* Lu at column 1, lines 7-11. In particular, Lu discloses a system in which a user is able to record a show that is transmitted in another broadcast area. *See id.* at Abstract.

For example, Lu describes the following:

Specifically, personalized video recorder 200 is coupled to the Internet 302 such that it can receive an electronic programming guide (EPG) containing worldwide television programming from an EPG server computer 304. The user of personalized video recorder 200 utilizes the EPG to request delivery of a specific television show that may not be available to him or her. Upon

reception of the request from personalized video recorder 200, EPG server computer 304 locates via Internet 302 one or more personalized video recorders... situated within a broadcast region of the requested television show. Subsequently, EPG server computer 304 programs one or more personalized video recorders... to record the requested television show when it is broadcast by a television content provider.... Once the personalized video recorders... record the television show, one or more of the personalized video recorders may transmit it to EPG server computer 304 which then transmits it to the requested personalized video recorder 200. In this manner, the present embodiment enables personalized video recorder 200 to order and receive specific television shows that are unavailable from its television content provider....

Lu at column 6, lines 39-61. Thus, Lu discloses a system in which a user sends a recording request that is received by a server computer via the Internet. The server computer then finds a recorder within the broadcast region of the show, and then sends the recorded show back to the requesting user.

Lu does not describe, teach, or suggest, however, “first and second associated network protocol addresses representing members of a **pre-defined group of users, where the predefined group of users is defined based on authorization by a user of the members.**” as recited in claim 1, as amended. Independent claims 12 and 23 have been amended to recite similar limitations. Thus, for at least this reason, Lu does not anticipate claims 1, 12, 23, or any of the claims that depend therefrom.

The Applicants next turn to the rejection of claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 26, and 27 as being unpatentable over Lu in view of Cohen. The Applicants respectfully submit that this proposed combination of references does not render claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 26, and 27 unpatentable for at least the reason discussed above.

New claims 28-32 should be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed

above. The fee for these new claims is calculated below:

5 additional claims in excess of 20 X \$50/claim = \$250

1 additional independent claim in excess of 3 X \$200/claim = \$200

TOTAL = \$450

In general, the Office Action makes various statements regarding claims 1-27 and the cited references that are now moot in light of the above. Thus, the Applicants will not address such statements at the present time. However, the Applicants expressly reserve the right to challenge such statements in the future should the need arise (e.g., if such statement should be come relevant by appearing in a rejection of any current or future claim).

The Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action has not established a prima facie case of obviousness with respect to any of the pending claims for at least the reasons discussed above and request that the outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees, including the \$450 fee for the new claims, or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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